

CITY OF ALAMEDA

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: John A. Russo
City Manager

Date: November 15, 2011

Re: Adopt a Resolution Approving the Update to the City of Alameda's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex, and Authorizing Its Inclusion in the Association of Bay Area Governments Report on Taming Natural Disasters

BACKGROUND

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), updated every five years, is submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to establish the City's eligibility to receive post disaster recovery funding. The City of Alameda created its first Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex on March 17, 2005. Similar updated Annex Plans are being completed by 116 cities, counties and special districts within the ABAG jurisdiction that are interested in pursuing disaster mitigation funding opportunities.

The purpose of this document is to identify local hazards to City owned infrastructure and a strategy to mitigate these hazards. Included are threats posed by seismic, geologic and soils hazards, fire hazards, and flooding. The annex remained open for public comment on the City's website for a period of two weeks starting October 18, 2011, and ending on November 1, 2011. A public workshop was held on October 18, 2011, to receive public input into the process. The November 15 City Council meeting will allow a second opportunity to receive public comment. Upon City Council approval, the LHMP will be submitted to ABAG, where it will join the plans of other ABAG cities as part of the package submitted to FEMA.

DISCUSSION

Local governments who adopt a hazard mitigation plan may be eligible for the following benefits:

- A more disaster-resistant and resilient community and region
- Eligibility for hazard mitigation assistance programs, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Flood Mitigation Assistance and Severe Repetitive Loss grant programs
- Eligibility for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS)

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- Eligibility for waiver of the 6.25% local match for Public Assistance money after a disaster.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact from the adoption of the resolution. If the City does not adopt the updated plan, however, it will be ineligible for future FEMA funding for natural disaster pre-mitigation projects or post-disaster projects to mitigate reoccurrences.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution approving the 2011 update to the City of Alameda's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex, and authorizing its inclusion in the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) report on Taming Natural Disasters.

Respectfully submitted,



Alex Nguyen
Deputy City Manager

By:



Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch
Planning Services Manager

Exhibit:

1. 2011 Update to the City of Alameda's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex – on file in City Clerk's office

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVING THE CITY OF ALAMEDA ANNEX TO THE ABAG REPORT
"TAMING NATURAL DISASTERS" AS THE CITY OF ALAMEDA'S LOCAL
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Approved as to Form

City Attorney

WHEREAS, the Bay Area is subject to various earthquake-related hazards such as ground shaking, liquefaction, fault surface rupture, and tsunamis; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area is subject to various weather-related hazards including wildfires, floods, and landslides; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda recognizes that disasters do not recognize city, county, or special district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda seeks to maintain and enhance both a disaster-resistant City and region by reducing the potential loss of life, property damage, and environmental degradation from natural disasters, while accelerating economic recovery from those disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda is committed to increasing the disaster resistance of the infrastructure, health, housing, economy, government services, education, environment, and land use systems in the City of Alameda, as well as in the Bay Area as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all cities, counties, and special districts to have adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive disaster mitigation funding from FEMA; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has approved and adopted the ABAG report *Taming Natural Disasters* as the multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Alameda adopts, and adapts with its local annex, this multi-jurisdictional plan as its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Alameda commits to continuing to take those actions and initiating further actions, as appropriate, as identified in the City Annex of that multi-jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by adopting this list of mitigation strategies as the Implementation Appendix of the Safety Element of Its General Plan.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 15th day of November, 2011, by the following vote to wit:

AYES

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 16th day of November, 2011.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda